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Management Planning Now Under Way for Lava Beds National Monument

The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public input in developing a new general management plan for Lava Beds National Monument. The general management plan will serve as a “blueprint” for the future, and everyone is invited and encouraged to be part of this effort. A general management plan identifies important park issues, visitor opportunities, and development goals while setting program objectives and directing resource protection programs for the next fifteen to twenty years.

The NPS is hosting public meetings in the area to explain the planning process, answer questions, and listen to public ideas and concerns:

Monday, June 5 , 7-9 pm	Oregon Institute of Technology College Union – Mt. Mazama Room	3201 Campus Drive Klamath Falls, OR
Wednesday, June 7 , 7-9 pm	Tulelake Fairgrounds Arts and Crafts Building	800 South Main Street Tulelake, CA
Thursday, June 8 , 7-9 pm	Yreka Community Center	810 North Oregon Street Yreka, CA

The public is also invited to share thoughts and ideas in writing or through the project website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/labe> at any time now through September 2, 2006. Written comments should be addressed to: General Management Plan Team, Lava Beds National Monument, 1 Indian Well, Headquarters, Tulelake, CA 96134.



Background

Lava Beds National Monument protects many and varied resources. The rugged volcanic landscape features one of the largest concentrations of lava tube caves in the continental United States, sites associated with the 1872-1873 Modoc War, and regional distinctive rock art. Lava Beds safeguards and interprets significant aspects of the area's cultural history and provides educational opportunities to children and the visiting public.

The last general management plan for Lava Beds National Monument was completed in 1996. Since then, the monument has been expanded, visitation has increased, and monument staff and researchers have learned much more about the significance of the monument's geologic features and historic sites. Development plans included in the 1996 general management plan are now finished and in use, including the upgrading of all park facilities, a new visitor center, a research center, and new interpretive displays.

Next Steps and Future Participation Opportunities. There will be multiple opportunities to share thoughts and ideas with the General Management Plan team. After this initial public comment period, the public will have an opportunity to participate in developing different possible futures (management alternatives) for Lava Beds National Monument (summer/fall 2007). A draft general management plan will be available for public review in spring 2008. The final general management plan is scheduled for completion in early 2009.

For more information:

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- See attached newsletter
- GMP Planning website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/labe>

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